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PrideFest '97 is July 20!

This Sunday is the PrideFest celebration for the Pikes Peak area. Check out the list of activities below. Please join your friends and renew your sense of community.

The Parade steps off at 1:00 p.m. at the corner of Cache la Poudre and Tejon. Be in place at least 1/2 hour before so you can find your place (It takes time to get in line). PFlag members are this years Grand Marshalls. Anyone who is not with a group is welcome to march behind the PPGLCC Community Center banner. The parade will enter Acacia Park at the NW corner.

Vendors and informational exhibits will be located throughout the Park. We'll have DJ Sunny Kurth and various entertainment including: Dykes-In-Drag, the band Two Naked Women, members of Inside-Out Youth Group, Sable Productions, an acappella group from Iron Springs Chateau, several Court members, and more! A few community organizations will speak briefly about their purpose and activities. Mark Merriman will serve as stage manager.

It costs over $2,000 to produce PrideFest what with barricades, toilets, shelters, the park permit, buying the PrideFest T-shirts, etc. Sales of T-shirts, food, and beverages recoup some of the cost. Dale Street Cafe has made a generous donation and is a PrideFest Corporate Sponsor.

Ron Eby has been organizing volunteers for the event. There are bound to be last minute needs. If you can give a hand, leave a message for Ron at 594-4847.

PrideFest Events

10:00 - Breakfast at Hide & Seek
10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - PrideFest Festival in Acacia Park
Food, Drinks, Information, Entertainment, Fun, Friends
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - DJ Sunny Kurth in Acacia Park
12:30 p.m. - In place for Parade
1:00 p.m. - Parade starts at Cache la Poudre & Tejon Streets

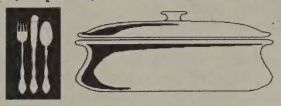
PrideFest Corporate Sponsor:

A big thank you to
Dale Street Cafe, 115 East Dale Street, 578-9898

Community Potluck 7/19

Marian Stone

This month's **Third Saturday** event is the PrideFest Community Potluck. Come to the Pride Center on July 19 at 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish to share and any type of beverage for yourself. The PPGLCC will provide paper plates, cups, napkins, silverware, and ice.



Parade List

An alphabetical list of confirmed participants includes:
ALSO Group/All Souls Unitarian
Colorado Tavern Guild
Dignity/Southern Colorado
Earth Spirit Pagans
Equality Colorado
Ground Zero
Inside/Out Youth Group
Jewish Voices for Justice
MCC of Colorado Springs
MCC of Pueblo
Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays
(PFlag Members are Grand Marshalls)
PP Gay & Lesbian Community Ctr.
Rocky Mtn. Motorcycle Club
Summit Masters of PP Region

PPGLCC at Acacia Park

Volunteers for the Pikes Peak Gay & Lesbian Community Center will be selling food, sodas, water, and T-shirts in Acacia Park. Meet these people who help maintain our Community. All profits help to pay for the PrideFest celebration.

PrideFest T-Shirts are available in black and grey, sizes M, L, XL, and XXL. Thanks for helping out.

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Join your Community Center!

The Pikes Peak Gay and Lesbian Community Center needs your support. Whether your contribution consists of time, money or both, you make the Community Center work.

$0 __ **Friend** CV subscription
$10 __ **Associate** CV subscription, member card, activity discounts
$25 __ **Partner** CV subscription, member card, free activities
$100__ **Sponsor** All above plus T-shirt & tax deduction
$100__ **Corporate**CV, Listing in each issue of Community Vision

All yearly memberships include a subscription, mailed in a plain envelope, to *Community Vision*, the PPGLCC's monthly newsletter.

Name(s)_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Phone_____(home)_____(other phone)

I subscribe to the Mission Statement of the PPGLCC as printed below.

Signature(s)_____

Please send application form and check to the PPGLCC at P.O. Box 607, Colorado Springs, CO 80901. Check this box if you want your membership to be acknowledged in the next newsletter and indicate how your name should appear:

Name:_____ ☐

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Mission Statement:
1) Asssist lesbians, gay men, bisexual, and transgendered people in reaching their full potential as human beings.
2) Promote understanding, cooperation, and a sense of community among lesbians, gay men, bisexual, and transgendered people.
3) Promote, within society at large, an appreciation of the history, culture, and contributions of lesbians, gay men, bisexual, and transgendered people.
4) Assist society at large in understanding the lives of lesbians, gay men, bisexual, and transgendered people.
5) Promote acceptance by society at large of lesbians, gay men, bisexual, and transgendered people.

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Ask Paaat

Dear Paaat,

When was the first Colorado Springs PrideFest? Wrestia

Dear Wrestia,

The first parade was in 1991, so this will be our 6th celebration. The tradition started more than 20 years ago elsewhere. The modern gay rights movement grew out of the Stonewall Rebellion in New York in June, 1969.

Send letters to Paaat, c/o PPGLCC, P.O. Box 607, Colorado Springs, CO 80901

Your Community Center

Marian Stone

The Pikes Peak Gay and Lesbian Community Center (PPGLCC) has been sponsoring and coordinating PrideFest since 1992. The PPGLCC was incorporated as a 501(c3) organization in 1982, making it one of the oldest gay organizations in Colorado Springs. PPGLCC facilities are located in the Pride Center. The Pride Center is located at 125 N. Parkside (east of Montgomery Wards).

Executive Committee Meetings take place on the first Wednesday, and the general Board Meetings occur on the thrid Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Pride Center. The PPGLCC is involved in the following projects: Helpline (471-4429), a library located at the Pride Center, a monthly newsletter (you're reading it now), and the State Adopt-A-Highway program. Since January of this year, the PPGLCC has offered an event at the Pride Center on the third Saturday. These rotate between potlucks, movie nights, and dances.

Congratulations to new Board members Brian Brasear and Nathan C. Leaving the Board are Alan Cook and John Peters-Campbell. They have moved away from Colorado Springs, and we thank them for their volunteer efforts.

Organizations of Interest

Citizens Project, 31 E. Platte Ave., P.O. Box 2085, CSC 80901, (719) 520-9899
Colorado Gay Rodeo Association (CGRA)
P.O. Box 15504 CSC 80935, (719) 576-CGRA
Dignity, P.O. Box 1172, CSC 80901, (719) 685-5343
Evangelicals Concerned Resource Center, P.O. Box 62466, CSC 80962
Ground Zero, 125 N. Parkside, P.O. Box 1982, CSC 80901, (719) 635-6086
Inside/Out Youth Support Group, CSC, 578-3160
New Phazes, 125 N. Parkside, P.O. Box 6485, CSC 80934, (719) 634-0236
Outfront Youth Support Group
151 Central Main, Pueblo, CO 81003, (719) 583-4311
PFLAG Colorado Springs, P.O. Box 10076, CSC 80932, (719) 575-8658
PFLAG Pueblo, P.O. Box 4484, Pueblo, CO 81003, (719) 545-7426
Pikes Peak Gay & Lesbian Community Ctr (PPGLCC)
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Pikes Peak Justice and Peace Commission
235 E. Fountain Blvd., CSC 80903, (719) 632-6189
Pikes Peak Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)
730 N. Tejon Street, CSC 80903, (719) 634-3771
Pueblo After 2, P.O. Box 1602, Pueblo, CO 81002, (719) 564-4004
Rainbow Wagon, (719) 471-4GAY
SOL, Slightly Older Ladies, 471-4GAY
Southern Colorado AIDS Project (S-CAP)
514 South Tejon Street, CSC 80903, (719) 578-9092
Social Prof. Lesbians involved in Culture & Entertainment (SPLICE), 392-0578
United Court of the Pikes Peak Empire (UCPPE)
P.O. Box 6925, CSC 80904, (719) 447-1092
Women's Social Group (WSG), (719) 471-4GAY

10TH ANNUAL

AIDS WALK COLORADO

Sunday, September 7, 1997

A Ten Kilometer Fundraising Walkathon
Starting and Ending at Cheesman Park

Benefiting
Colorado AIDS Project
and other AIDS Service and
Education Providers

For further information,
please call 303•861•WALK

Sign-in 9:00 am, Opening Ceremony 9:30 am,
Walk Begins 10:00 am

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YES! ☐ REGISTER ME TODAY TO WALK AND RAISE MONEY TO FIGHT AIDS AND SUPPORT PEOPLE WITH HIV AND AIDS.

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SOUTHERN COLORADO AIDS PROJECT

☐ PLEASE CONTACT ME ABOUT FORMING AN AIDS WALK TEAM.

☐ MY COMPANY HAS A MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM. (NAME OF COMPANY) _____

☐ I CAN'T COME TO THE AIDS WALK. HERE IS MY TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION OF $ _____ (PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: AIDS WALK COLORADO OR AWC).

☐ IN ADDITION TO WALKING, I CAN VOLUNTEER MY TIME. PLEASE CALL ME.

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AIDS WALK COLORADO
SUNDAY • SEPTEMBER 7 • 1997

WE'RE FIGHTING THE AIDS EPIDEMIC ON THREE FRONTS

SERVICES TO PEOPLE WITH HIV AND AIDS

We provide vital support services to people with HIV and AIDS, their partners, families and friends. Services include: case management; social services; emergency financial assistance; housing referrals; a food bank; specialized services and information for women, youth and communities of color; and legal, financial, and health care advocacy.

HIV AND AIDS PREVENTION AND EDUCATION

We reach the public with effective, accurate and culturally-sensitive HIV and AIDS prevention information. Through the Speakers Bureau, the Infoline, HIV prevention and education programs, and other community and media outreach efforts, we are working to stop the spread of HIV disease.

BUILDING COALITIONS

CAP actively assists other HIV and AIDS service and education providers throughout the state that are partners in the fight against AIDS.

Sign language interpreter provided.

HOW TO JOIN AIDS WALK COLORADO

STEP ONE–REGISTER TODAY

Send in the attached card. Your AIDS Walk Colorado sponsor form and further information will be sent to you immediately.

STEP TWO–GET SPONSORS

Ask your family members, friends and co-workers to sponsor you for each of the 10 kilometers you will be walking. (For example, sponsors pledging $1 per kilometer would pay $10. Sponsors pledging $5 per kilometer would pay $50.) Raise as much money as you can.

STEP THREE–WALK ON SEPTEMBER 7

Join the excitement as the crowd of 10,000 enthusiastic and caring men, women and children walk together for 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) to fund the fight against AIDS. The AIDS Walk begins and ends at Denver's Cheesman Park. Please arrive between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. to sign in.

AIDS Walk Colorado salutes Quark, Inc., our first $100,000 team!

NEW HOPE, NEW CHALLENGES

TODAY THERE IS HOPE, BUT NO CURE

Recent advances in "combination drug therapy" are providing new hope of a longer life for some people with AIDS. However, without diminishing the hope, it is important to know the realities.

- The drugs do not work for roughly one-third of the people who do gain access to them.
- The combination drug treatments are expensive. The cost of medication alone is $15,000 to $25,000 per year for each person on the new combined drug therapy.

People with AIDS need your support, perhaps more than ever. Please join more than 10,000 people on Sunday, September 7th to raise desperately needed funds in the fight – and to send the message to our community that the AIDS crisis is not over.

FUNDRAISING AWARDS

All walkers who turn in **$125** or more will be awarded the official AIDS Walk Colorado T-shirt featuring this year's fantastic AIDS Walk graphic. Walkers who turn in **$400** or more will be awarded the T-shirt and an AIDS Walk wrist watch. T-shirts will be available at the AIDS Walk for those who qualify at that time, or by mail for those who qualify by September 30th. AIDS Walk wrist watches will be distributed by mail after the event. AIDS Walk T-shirts and wrist watches are available only as awards and will not be sold.

Colorado AIDS Project *The loving touch of a caring community*

Benefiting Colorado AIDS Project

Also benefiting Boulder County AIDS Project, Northern Colorado AIDS Project, Southern Colorado Aids Project, Western Colorado AIDS Project and other HIV & AIDS service and education providers throughout the state.

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Did You Know??

Marian Stone

That the Pikes Peak Gay and Lesbian Community Center is sponsoring a radio show? Listen Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. on KRCC 91.5 FM. "This Way Out" is a gay talk and info show. Give the station a big "THANK YOU" for doing so! KRCC, Program Director, 912 N. Weber, C/S, CO 80903, Phone 473-4801, Fax 473-7863.

That the PPGLCC has a website? It's **http://members.aol.com/ppglcc2** Check it out!! We also have an email address at **ppglcc2@aol.com**

That PPGLCC is looking to fill at least two vacancies on the Board of Directors? And is in need of a hand full of dedicated, and slightly insane, volunteers to be involved with its projects and activities? Please drop us a line (regular mail or email) or give a call to the Helpline or show up at a Board Meeting if interested in losing some of your free time to this worthwhile, growing, and changing organization!!

Inside/Out Youth Group

This group meets once a week. It is partly sponsored by the PPGLCC and partly by the El Paso County Health Department. The PPGLCC is in the process, along with the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Youth Advocacy Coalition, of creating a recreational program for this youth group. The average age is 17 and presently about 25 youth are involved. The Health Department provides the support group aspect of this endeavor.

PrideFest Notes

The first Gay Pride parade in Colorado Springs was held in 1991. It was a small but enthusiastic event. The first few years the parade was shadowed by street preachers with a bullhorn. Colorado for Family Values has been present at several PrideFests, filming the event for their own purposes. Folks from Denver and Pueblo have attended in solidarity.

The main purpose of PrideFest is to provide an avenue for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered individuals to come together publicly, making our community truly visible, for at least one day, to the community at large.

MCC Turns 18

The Pikes Peak Metropolitan Community Church held its first services in a garage on July 13, 1979. Congratulations on their years of service to our community.

Patricia Nell Warren

Patricia Nell Warren is visiting Colorado Springs on August 8. She will appear at the Warehouse restaurant, brew pub and art gallery from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by Ground Zero, Quest Publications, and St. Martin's Press. There will be light snacks and a cash bar. There is no charge for the event, but you could make an evening of it by making a reservation for dinner.

Hawaii Registration

The State of Hawaii now registers same sex partners who want to enter into "reciprocal beneficiary relationships" to receive some of the rights and benefits enjoyed by married couples. While not eligible for any benefits, couples from outside Hawaii can register. Both parties must be at least 18. You can get an application by sending a stamped, self-addressed, legal-size envelope to RBR Office, P.O. Box 3300, Honolulu, HI 96801. Information and forms are also available on the Web at www.hawaii.gov/health/rbr.htm.

Don't Ask, Don't Tell?

On July 2, a federal judge overturned the Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy regarding gays in the military. The judge declared that "to single out gay and lesbian members denies them, without legitimate reason, the right to openly participate as equals in the defense of the nation." The Clinton administration will appeal the ruling, and the issue is likely to eventually come before the Supreme Court.

In the meantime, continue to exercise caution if you are a member of the military services. Military investigators continue their work.

From the President

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

GAY AND LESBIAN PRIDE CELEBRATION, 1997

Warm greetings to all those participating in the 1997 Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebration.

PFlag News

The local chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays has initiated a new support group for straight spouses or ex-spouses of gays and lesbians. One more way in which this group serves our community and the public at large. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Call 575-8658 for more information.

PFlag is hoping to organize a chapter in northeast Colorado (Fort Morgan, Brush, Sterling, etc.). Call Pat Pfeiffer at 719-598-5258 if you know persons who might wish to be contacted.

Colorado Springs Anti-Discrimination Policy

Although its meaning is subject to question, a resolution was passed unanimously by the Colorado Springs City Council in May. It states that Colorado Springs will not tolerate "any form of discrimination of a racial, ethnic, sexual or religious nature..."

Free Newsletters

For those who need a little motivation, see what these people are writing about us. They may ask about your church affiliation. Ask for a trial newsletter subscription from:

American Family Assn., P.O Drawer 2440, Tupelo, MS 38803
Family Research Council, 202-393-2100

Calendar of Events

Regularly Scheduled

Sun:
-Dignity Brunch - 2nd Sunday, Colorado Grill, 11:30 a.m.
-Gay Theme Movies, 2:00 p.m., Hide & Seek
-Pueblo MCC, 5:00 p.m. (543-6466)
-MCC Service at All Souls Unitarian, 5:00 p.m.
-Beer Bust, 2:00 - 7:00 p.m., David's
-Beer Bust, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Karaoke 8:00 p.m., Hide & Seek
-Lambda Report, Channels 12/68 KBDI, 11:00 p.m.

Mon:
-Gay AA, 471-4GAY
-1/2 price for Ladies, 7:00 p.m. to close, Davids
-2-fers to 8:00 p.m., $3 pitchers, Hide & Seek

Tue:
-MCC Fellowship Live Care Group, 7:00 p.m., 473-1628
-Transgendered Support Group, 471-4GAY
-2-fers all day, Free pool 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., Hide & Seek
-Country Night, David's

Wed:
-**Inside-Out Youth Group**, McMaster Clinic, Basement of El Paso County Health Department, 301 South Union Blvd., 5:30 p.m. Recreation at Pride Center, 7:30 p.m., 578-3160
-***This Way Out***, KRCC, 91.5 FM, 6:30 p.m., sponsored by PPGLCC
-MCC Fellowship Live Care Group, 7:00 p.m., 597-4997
-PFlag Meetings - 2nd Wed., 6:00 p.m., 575-8666
-PPGLCC Executive Committee - 1st Wed., Pride Center 7:30 p.m.
-**PPGLCC Board Meetings** - 3rd Wed., Pride Center, 7:30 p.m.
-25 cent drinks, 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., 2-for-1 dinners, Hide & Seek
-Dancing to 80's Music, 9 to close, David's

Thu:
-MCC Fellowship Live Care Group, Daytime, 471-4422
-CGRA - 1st & 3rd Thursdays, Branding Iron, 7:00 p.m.
-HIV+ Men's Group, 5:30 p.m., 578-9092
-HIV Family, Friends & Loved Ones, 5:30 p.m., 578-9092
-SOL, Slightly Older Ladies, 471-4GAY
-Karaoke, David's
-2-fers to 8:00 p.m., PrideFest Parade Benefits, Hide & Seek

Fri:
-Gay AA, 471-4GAY
-2-fers to 8:00 p.m., Hide & Seek

Sat:
-Adopt-A-Highway-2nd Sat., Highway 24 near Cascade, 471-4GAY
-Dignity Mass - 1st Sat., Sacred Heart, 7:00 p.m., 685-5343
-Women's Social Group (formerly FLO)- 1st & 3rd Sat., 471-4GAY
-2-fers until 8:00 p.m., Hide & Seek

By Date (Also see list at left)

Jul 16 S-CAP Client Services Potluck, 12 noon,
Jul 19 S-CAP Volunteer Recognition Potluck, 11-3p, 578-9092
PPGLCC Potluck Night, Pride Center, 6:00 p.m.
Jul 20 **PrideFest '97**. See article for details.
Jul 24 Country Dance Lessons, CGRA, Branding Iron, 8-9p.m.
Jul 24-26 "Claiming the Spirit," Montview Presbyterian
Aug 7 Country Dance Lessons, CGRA, Branding Iron, 8-9p.m.
Aug 8 Patricia Nell Warren at the Warehouse Restaurant, 6-8pm
Aug 16 **PPGLCC Movie Night**, Pride Center
Aug 17 or 24 New Phazes Vail Pass Bike Ride
Aug 21 Country Dance Lessons, CGRA, Branding Iron, 8-9p.m.
Sep 1 Labor Day
Sep 20 **PPGLCC Fall Dance**, Pride Center
Sep 27-28 NWC Conference "Facing the Fear Together"

For additional information or to list your activity, call 471-4GAY. The Helpline is staffed by volunteers. Consider giving them a hand. You can also mail information c/o PPGLCC.

Ways YOU Can Help

Inside/Out Youth Group

This growing program for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered youth needs at least two volunteers, and more would help. Both require working in a team atmosphere, monthly meetings, occasional training, and serving as an adult role model. Call Regina at 578-3160. You must be 25 years old. An interview and background check are required for everyone's protection.

Adult Youth Facilitator- Background working with youth and B.A. in psychology or related field preferred. Responsibilities include weekly support groups and facilitation of discussions.

Adult Recreation Volunteer- Background working with youth and supervising activities preferred. Responsibilities include attending and supervising scheduled youth activities.

PrideFest '97

If you'll have a little spare time on PrideFest day, call Ron at 594-4847 to see how you might help.

Local Heroes (See top of Page 2 for how to get listed)

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